



Changes to Florida Unemployment Due to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented number of Florida workers to experience layoffs, reduced hours and furloughs.

While [the Florida unemployment program](#) was initially overwhelmed by the high volume of new applicants, the state is making frequent updates to the program and its rules to ensure all Floridians can access economic relief during this difficult time.

New changes to the program include:

- Creating a new mobile-friendly website for online applications
- Waiving the one-week delay for payments, the work search requirement and the work registration requirement
- Extending federal benefits to self-employed workers, contractors and gig economy workers
- Offering paper applications to Floridians without internet access

Many people are facing lengthy wait times while filing for unemployment benefits or contacting the Reemployment Assistance Program, but the state is using every agency and resource available to get Floridians the assistance they need as soon as possible.

Income Assistance

If you are currently out of work, the Florida Reemployment Assistance Program may be able to provide financial assistance while you are unemployed. [Learn more about eligibility and the application process.](#)

[Florida Reemployment Assistance Program online application.](#)

If you experience technical difficulties with the Florida Reemployment Assistance Program website, you can also print and fill out a paper application: ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Creole](#)). Please note that paper applications could potentially take longer to process than completing an online application.